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TO : Chairman, Projects Review Committee
THRU: Exec. for A & M
FROM : Chief, Services Branch, A & M
SUBJECT: Proof Press -- NIS Program

DATE: 22 November 1948

1. In accordance with Administrative Instruction No. [REDACTED] dated 23 March 1948, subject: "Projects", request is hereby made to the Projects Review Committee for the approval of an expenditure in the amount of \$30,000 for a proof press.

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2. The proof press is required for the purposes which are outlined in the attached memorandum from [REDACTED] of the Map Branch, ORE. The Map Branch requires too small a number of proof copies of maps to be economically and efficiently produced on any of the large electrically operated presses which are used in the production of printing maps, and too large a number of proofs of maps to be run off on a hand operated press. The addition of the proof press was first recommended by [REDACTED] and has been concurred in by [REDACTED]

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However, the financing of the operation of this plant is such that each agency or department requiring its services bears a proportionate share on the basis that the work produced for that agency bears to the total of the entire work produced within the plant. Therefore, the purchase of this proof press, which is not in the possession of the main GPO Plant, might possibly be borne by other agencies that do not require the press. The press, therefore, would ultimately be paid for and undoubtedly CIA would bear at least the majority of the cost, if not all, if it were amortized over a period of several months.

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4. The GPO has installed numerous pieces of additional equipment required in the plant necessary to the production of intelligence material for CIA and particularly in connection with the JANIS and NIS programs. However, in each instance, the equipment was on hand and an expenditure of funds by GPO was therefore not necessary.

5. The Chief, Services Branch was requested to advise the GPO in writing that CIA would bear the cost for the purchase of this press and it is my opinion that CIA should agree to reimbursement for its cost. It is therefore recommended that the Projects Review Committee approve the expenditure of funds for this purpose in the approximate amount of \$30,000.

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Memo dtd 19 Nov. 48

Agreement dtd 27 Nov. 46

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